

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of:	Petrykowski, Kip	)
Serial No.:	10/657,628	)
Filed:	09/08/2003	)
Art Unit:	3679	)
Examiner:	Hewitt, James M.	)
For:	SELF-SEALING FLUID FITTING	)
	AND METHOD	)
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**Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) with**  
**Amendments**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on March 28, 2008, on March 31, 2008 the Applicant's attorney called and spoke on the telephone first with Ms. Coralia Betancourt, Legal Instruments Examiner, as referenced in the Notice. At Ms. Betancourt's direction, applicant's attorney then spoke on the telephone with Mr. James M. Hewitt, Patent Examiner for this pending application. Upon discussion with the examiner this date and in agreement with his suggestion, applicant has cancelled the first occurrence of duplicate Claim 3 and resubmitted, along with an appropriate additional claim fee for one claim, that claim language verbatim in the form of a new Claim now found as Claim 21 in the pending application and reflected in the attached Corrected Claims. As such, applicant respectfully requests that the examiner disregard the Corrected Claims filed in conjunction with the Response with Amendments filed by

applicant on March 7, 2008, and that the examiner instead proceed with examination based on the Corrected Claims submitted herewith. Applicant further points out that the new Claim 21 flows logically if inserted after existing Claim 2 and requests that the examiner consider such a regrouping (insertion with subsequent renumbering of following Claims) upon allowance of any or all Claims pending.

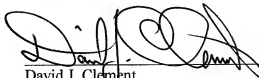
#### **Claim Amendments**

In connection with the Response framed above, Applicant has tendered an amended set of Claims showing current status of all Claims.

#### **Complete and Timely Response**

By the above, the Applicant has provided a timely response to the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on March 28, 2008. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests expeditious review and reply from the Examiner, said reply to conclude with a favorable examination of the present application, and that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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